

(PRINCE ERIC bounds in, followed by GRIMSBY.)

PRINCE ERIC

Ariel!

(stops short, seeing KING TRITON)

Who are you?

KING TRITON

I'm her father, King Triton. And you're the human who came to her rescue.

PRINCE ERIC

(in awe)

With all due respect, sir, Ariel is the one who has done the rescuing.

GRIMSBY

(can't believe his eyes)

The King of the Sea? And she's his daughter?

PRINCE ERIC

Does that upset you?

GRIMSBY

Heavens, no! I'm just relieved she's royalty!

PRINCE ERIC

(to KING TRITON)

Your Majesty? At last, I've found someone who makes me eager to seize the future and claim my birthright as king.

(looks at ARIEL)

But if I slip out to sea sometimes, I hope she'll be right there beside me.

(to KING TRITON)

May I have her hand?

KING TRITON

Ariel can speak for herself.

PRINCE ERIC

She can?

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